

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1892

The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—115 per cent. sales and sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £710, paid up, 35 per cent. dis. sales and buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$200 per share, sellers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—24, sellers.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits Ltd.—Founders' shares, \$20, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—24 per cent. premium, sellers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$82 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$56 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 225 per share, sellers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$105 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—\$102, sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$260 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$87 per share, buyers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$30, sellers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—28 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—30 per cent. discount, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$37 per share, sellers.
The Steam Launch Co., Limited—nominal.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—\$77 per cent. premium, sales and sellers.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$148 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$23, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per cent. Debentures—\$50.
The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$44 per share, sellers.
The Shameen Hotel Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
Funjom and Sunghe Dus Samantan Mining Co.—\$4 per share, sellers.
The Raute Gold Mining Co., Limited—30 cents per share, sales and buyers.
New Imuris Mining Co., Limited—\$24 per share, sales and buyers.
The Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—nominal.
Teaqi Coal Mining Co.—\$10 per share, sales and buyers.
The Jeliba Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$5.10 per share, sales and sellers.
The Selama Tin Mining Co., Limited—5 cents per share, sales and sellers.
London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$15 nominal.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$150 per share, sellers.
Luson Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$3, nominal.
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$15 per share, sellers.
Dakin—Cruickshank & Co., Limited—\$2 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$5 per share, sellers.
The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$60, sales and sellers.
The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$26 per share, sellers.
H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$45 per share, sales.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$105 per share, sales and buyers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$68 per share, buyers.
Hongkong China Bakery Company, Limited—\$65 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$55 per share, sellers.
The Green Island Cement Co.—\$41 per share, sellers.
The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$21 per share, sales and sellers.
The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.
The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$35 per share, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

On LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/81
Bank Bills, on demand 2/82
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/84
Credits at 4 months' sight 2/9
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/91
On PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/40
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/49
On INDIA—
T. T. 220
On Demand 221
On SHANGHAI—
Bank, T. T. 712
Private, 30 days' sight 723

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

Mrs. Anderson, Mr. W. T. Leighton.
M. E. Boxshall, Mr. and Mrs. Lord.
Mrs. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Drew.
Capt. Clutterbuck, Mrs. Nicol and child.
Mrs. Clutterbuck, Mrs. Paul.
Mr. F. H. Cockedge, Mr. V. Perkes.
Mr. G. Cox, Mr. F. E. Shean.
Captain Cunningham, Mr. J. A. Thompson.
Mr. G. E. Fenwick, Mr. J. Walls.
Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick, Mr. and Mrs. Warren.
Mr. A. Kitson, Mr. C. H. Wilton.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

Mr. H. Allen, Mr. E. S. Joseph.
Mr. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Macbean.
Mr. S. T. Benjamin, children and nurse.
Mr. Hart-Buck, Capt. D. F. MacCarthy
Mr. E. K. Chaudier, R.N.
Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Mrs. D. F. MacCarthy
Mr. Cochrane, and infant.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cohen, Mr. Chan C. Malsch.
Mr. J. B. Coughtrie, Mrs. Van Niero.
Mr. D. Crawford, Mr. A. Ross.
Miss Hogg, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Snasdell.
Miss C. G. Hogg, Mr. Taylor.

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Mr. Adamson, Mr. W. H. R. Lorley.
Mr. A. Cadby, Mr. F. Maitland.
Mr. Chaudier, Mr. W. R. Needham.
Mr. T. Cowen, Mr. Medhurst.
Mr. F. East, Mr. Sparrow.
Mr. W. S. Harrison, Mr. A. Thomson.
Mr. G. Howard, Mr. Geo. L. Tomlin.
Mr. Morton Jones, Mr. Tomlin.
Mr. V. Kolod.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

7th December, 1892.—At 4 p.m.

| STATION. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 | 121 | 122 | 123 | 124 | 125 | 126 | 127 | 128 | 129 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 135 | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 | 141 | 142 | 143 | 144 | 145 | 146 | 147 | 148 | 149 | 150 | 151 | 152 | 153 | 154 | 155 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 159 | 160 | 161 | 162 | 163 | 164 | 165 | 166 | 167 | 168 | 169 | 170 | 171 | 172 | 173 | 174 | 175 | 176 | 177 | 178 | 179 | 180 | 181 | 182 | 183 | 184 | 185 | 186 | 187 | 188 | 189 | 190 | 191 | 192 | 193 | 194 | 195 | 196 | 197 | 198 | 199 | 200 | 201 | 202 | 203 | 204 | 205 | 206 | 207 | 208 | 209 | 210 | 211 | 212 | 213 | 214 | 215 | 216 | 217 | 218 | 219 | 220 | 221 | 222 | 223 | 224 | 225 | 226 | 227 | 228 | 229 | 230 | 231 | 232 | 233 | 234 | 235 | 236 | 237 | 238 | 239 | 240 | 241 | 242 | 243 | 244 | 245 | 246 | 247 | 248 | 249 | 250 | 251 | 252 | 253 | 254 | 255 | 256 | 257 | 258 | 259 | 260 | 261 | 262 | 263 | 264 | 265 | 266 | 267 | 268 | 269 | 270 | 271 | 272 | 273 | 274 | 275 | 276 | 277 | 278 | 279 | 280 | 281 | 282 | 283 | 284 | 285 | 286 | 287 | 288 | 289 | 290 | 291 | 292 | 293 | 294 | 295 | 296 | 297 | 298 | 299 | 300 | 301 | 302 | 303 | 304 | 305 | 306 | 307 | 308 | 309 | 310 | 311 | 312 | 313 | 314 | 315 | 316 | 317 | 318 | 319 | 320 | 321 | 322 | 323 | 324 | 325 | 326 | 327 | 328 | 329 | 330 | 331 | 332 | 333 | 334 | 335 | 336 | 337 | 338 | 339 | 340 | 341 | 342 | 343 | 344 | 345 | 346 | 347 | 348 | 349 | 350 | 351 | 352 | 353 | 354 | 355 | 356 | 357 | 358 | 359 | 360 | 361 | 362 | 363 | 364 | 365 | 366 | 367 | 368 | 369 | 370 | 371 | 372 | 373 | 374 | 375 | 376 | 377 | 378 | 379 | 380 | 381 | 382 | 383 | 384 | 385 | 386 | 387 | 388 | 389 | 390 | 391 | 392 | 393 | 394 | 395 | 396 | 397 | 398 | 399 | 400 | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 | 408 | 409 | 410 | 411 | 412 | 413 | 414 | 415 | 416 | 417 | 418 | 419 | 420 | 421 | 422 | 423 | 424 | 425 | 426 | 427 | 428 | 429 | 430 | 431 | 432 | 433 | 434 | 435 | 436 | 437 | 438 | 439 | 440 | 441 | 442 | 443 | 444 | 445 | 446 | 447 | 448 | 449 | 450 | 451 | 452 | 453 | 454 | 455 | 456 | 457 | 458 | 459 | 460 | 461 | 462 | 463 | 464 | 465 | 466 | 467 | 468 | 469 | 470 | 471 | 472 | 473 | 474 | 475 | 476 | 477 | 478 | 479 | 480 | 481 | 482 | 483 | 484 | 485 | 486 | 487 | 488 | 489 | 490 | 491 | 492 | 493 | 494 | 495 | 496 | 497 | 498 | 499 | 500 | 501 | 502 | 503 | 504 | 505 | 506 | 507 | 508 | 509 | 510 | 511 | 512 | 513 | 514 | 515 | 516 | 517 | 518 | 519 | 520 | 521 | 522 | 523 | 524 | 525 | 526 | 527 | 528 | 529 | 530 | 531 | 532 | 533 | 534 | 535 | 536 | 537 | 538 | 539 | 540 | 541 | 542 | 543 | 544 | 545 | 546 | 547 | 548 | 549 | 550 | 551 | 552 | 553 | 554 | 555 | 556 | 557 | 558 | 559 | 560 | 561 | 562 | 563 | 564 | 565 | 566 | 567 | 568 | 569 | 570 | 571 | 572 | 573 | 574 | 575 | 576 | 577 | 578 | 579 | 580 | 581 | 582 | 583 | 584 | 585 | 586 | 587 | 588 | 589 | 590 | 591 | 592 | 593 | 594 | 595 | 596 | 597 | 598 | 599 | 600 | 601 | 602 | 603 | 604 | 605 | 606 | 607 | 608 | 609 | 610 | 611 | 612 | 613 | 614 | 615 | 616 | 617 | 618 | 619 | 620 | 621 | 622 | 623 | 624 | 625 | 626 | 627 | 628 | 629 | 630 | 631 | 632 | 633 | 634 | 635 | 636 | 637 | 638 | 639 | 640 | 641 | 642 | 643 | 644 | 645 | 646 | 647 | 648 | 649 | 650 | 651 | 652 | 653 | 654 | 655 | 656 | 657 | 658 | 659 | 660 | 661 | 662 | 663 | 664 | 665 | 666 | 667 | 668 | 669 | 670 | 671 | 672 | 673 | 674 | 675 | 676 | 677 | 678 | 679 |
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One Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3318

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1892

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....\$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....\$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. W. Weston, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chief Manager, GEO. W. F. PLAYFAR.

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Palmer & Co.
JOHN BUTTERY, Esq.—Messrs. John Butter &
Co.
C. B. STUART-WORTLEY, Q.C., M.P.
GEO. MUNRO, Manager.

BANKERS:

Paris Banking Co. and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.)
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Yokohama—D. FRASER, Manager.
Shanghai—C. J. GALLOWAY, Manager.
Amoy—J. ANDERSON, Manager.
With sub-Branch at Foochow.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened. Money
received on Deposit. Drafts issued. Bills
purchased and collected. Advances made on
stocks or goods in neutral Godowns. Usual
Bank Agency business undertaken.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS 3 "

For Rates of Interest for other periods apply
to the Manager.

Hongkong, 26th November, 1892.

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Auctions.

CHRISTMAS SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF

JAPANESE WARE.
THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON
SATURDAY, the 10th December, 1892,
Commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his ROOMS, Duddell Street,

A VERY FINE COLLECTION OF
JAPANESE NEW WARE,
AND
WORKS OF ART,
Comprising—

HANDSOME CLOISONNE VASES,
PLATES AND PLAQUES in newest designs,
LACQUERED INLAID PANELS and PLA-
QUES, SATSUMA, TOKIO, OWATA and
other PORCELAIN VASES, JARS, TEA and
BREAKFAST SETS &c., PORCELAIN
WALL PLATES, &c. &c.
HANDSOME INLAID CABINETS, LAC-
QUERWARE BRONZES, ALBUM COVERS,
WATER-COLORS, SILK DRESSING
GOWNS and JACKETS, SILK HANDKER-
CHIEFS, WALLHANGINGS, EMBROIDERED
SCREENS, ARMOUR, HELMETS,
SPEARS.

AND

A VARIETY OF OTHER ARTICLES.
Catalogues will be issued previous to Sale, and
the above will be on view on Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1892.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

M. R. A. G. GORDON will Sell by PUBLIC
AUCTION,
ON

SATURDAY, the 17th December, 1892,

at 11 o'clock A.M.,
Instead of Thursday, the 15th December, 1892,
at 3 o'clock as previously advertised,
at the Premises.

THE FOLLOWING VALUABLE

LEASED PROPERTY.

Comprising—

All those PIECES or PARCELS of
GROUND situate at Victoria in the Colony
of Hongkong, and being Section B. and the
remaining portion of INLAND LOT No. 724,
as the same. Premises are now held for the
residue of term of 999 years from the 29th
June, 1861, granted therein subject to the
payment of the CROWN RENT payable in respect
thereof and the performance of the Crown Covenants
to be performed in respect thereof and
subject also to the existing Lettings and Tenancies
thereof (if any).

All those PIECES or PARCELS of
GROUND situate at Victoria aforesaid and being
Section A. and the remaining portion of
INLAND LOT No. 725 as the same Premises
are held for the residue of a term of 999 years, from the
29th June, 1861, granted therein subject to the
payment of the CROWN RENT payable in respect
thereof and the performance of the Crown Covenants
to be performed in respect thereof and
subject also to the existing Lettings and Tenancies
thereof (if any).

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND
situate at Victoria aforesaid and being INLAND
LOT No. 726 as the same Premises, are held
for the residue of a term of 999 years, from the
29th June, 1861, granted therein subject to the
payment of the CROWN RENT payable in respect
thereof and the performance of the Crown Covenants
to be performed in respect thereof and
subject also to the existing Lettings and Tenancies
thereof (if any).

The Premises will be Sold in One Lot.

The Section of the Government has been
applied for the erection of Kowloon Godowns
on all the above Premises.

For further Particulars and Conditions of
Sale apply to

WOTTON & DEACON,

Solicitors.

35, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

or to

A. G. GORDON.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1892.

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Insurances.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or
at death if previous—may be secured by
a payment at the rate of
1/- per quarter if commenced at age
17 7 6 (a.b.) 20
18 14 3 25
19 11 6 30
20 4 10 35
21 7 6 40
22 12 6 45

After the Policy has been three years in
force—the Policy-holder will be entitled
to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy
for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured,
as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to
discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents, Hongkong
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

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SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1892.

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GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000.
EQUAL TO \$18,000,000.
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.

LOU TIE SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1892.

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NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

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USED POSTAGE
STAMPS
WANTED.

I WILL PAY CASH for USED
POSTAGE STAMPS

as follows—(these prices are per 100,
but any quantities will be accepted, no
matter how small, at the same rates).

Per 100.

CHINA—

1 cent. \$ 1.00

3 & 5 cent. 1.50

HONGKONG—

3, 4, 5 & 10 cents ... 0.30

6, 8, 12, 20, 24, 30 cents ... 1.15

18, 48, 50 & 96 cents ... 4.00

1 dollar ... 10.00

3 & 5 dollars ... 15.00

5 dollars ... 100.00

MACAO—

5 & 10 rels. 0.50

20, 40 & 50 rels. 2.00

50, 100, 200 & 300 rels. 5.00

PHILIPPINE—

1c, 2c, 5c & 10c. 0.25

1/2 & 1/4c/8th cents. 0.40

1/6, 1/8 & 1/12c/8th cents. 0.75

2c, 4c, 5c & 10c. 2.00

STRAITS—

1, 2, 3, 4 & 5c. 0.30

12 & 24c. 3.00

64c. 10.00

SIAM—

1, 2, 3, 4 & 5c. 1.00

12 & 24c. 3.00

64c. 10.00

SHANGHAI—

any used face value

DUTCH EAST INDIES—

any 0.15

FRENCH COLONIES—

any 0.15

NO TORN STAMPS
WANTED AT ANY
PRICE.

ALL KINDS OF
POSTAGE STAMPS
BOUGHT, SOLD AND EXCHANGED.

ADDRESS:

GEO. E. WASHBURN

R. O. Box 2689

SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA

Hongkong, 5th December, 1892.

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Intimations.

W. BREWER.

NEW VOLUME OF

BOYS' Own Paper.
Girls' Own Paper.
Little-Wide Awake.
Bo Peep.
Chatterbox, &c., &c.
Children's Picture Books in great variety.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 29th November, 1892.

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CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

T HIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, is in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHÉ, SHOWER SPRAY, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

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KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

IMPORTERS OF CIGARS, TOBACCOES AND CIGARETTES.

Fresh supplies to hand of the following popular

Intimations.

GINGER ALE.

WE have always made good GINGER ALE, and we are now making the best. At various exhibitions and competitions in London and elsewhere, GINGER ALE made by the formula we now use has won 32 Prize MEDALS and CERTIFICATES of MERIT.

In 1890 competed and won against FOUR of the most famed Belfast makers.

The Analyst's report:—

"It is of exceptionally good quality."

"Particularly pleasant to the taste."

"Decidedly tonic and sustaining."

"In every respect most satisfactory."

ARTHUR HILL HASSAL, M.D.

The ideal temperance beverage.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & CO., LTD.
Victoria Dispensary,
Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1892.

used the word "abstracted"—by one of the founders from the office of his employers. The house was used for gambling and apparently for nothing else; it was kept open till all hours in the morning, and "noises of gambling and shouting and lights burning and 'rickshas' standing round about the doors"—these are the Judge's own words—must have made the locality a regular Pandemonium and a nuisance to the public. Gambling of a more or less reckless character was carried on night after night, and large sums of money, considering the social status and means of the players, were lost and won. The popular game was *Kobachao*, with a banker, and in which expert manipulation of the dice is an important aid to success. Apparently *Kobachao* is as much an open game as *rouge et noir*, roulette or baccarat, and would be held as illegal wherever British law is recognised. The players at the Club Liberal were almost entirely clerks employed in banks and foreign commercial houses, some of them occupying positions of trust, and there cannot be the slightest doubt that temptations to dishonesty were put in their way, which some of them at least did not resist.

Mr. O'SHEA, in pursuance of his business as a newspaper writer, after making inquiries, considered it his duty to make public the doings at the Club Liberal, and he did so in the columns of the *Shanghai Mercury*. He characterised certain places as gambling houses and a discredit to the Portuguese community, referring specially to Hongkong; he said these dens were disgraceful and dangerous; that young Portuguese gambled for all they were worth and a good deal more, and that the Portuguese Consul-General knew very well where the dens were; and finally, Mr. O'SHEA called the Club Liberal a gambling hell and its frequenters professional gamblers. This was no doubt pretty strong language, but after a careful perusal of the whole evidence—the case lasted several days—we have no hesitation in saying that Mr. O'SHEA substantially justified every word he wrote.

The members of the Club Liberal, or some of them, took umbrage at the *Mercury's* comments and, so we are informed by a reliable Shanghai correspondent, subscribed amongst themselves the sum of \$500 with which they retained the eminent services of Mr. W. H. DRUMMOND, barrister-at-law, in order to get Mr. O'SHEA sent to prison. That was their avowed object, and our correspondent states that Mr. DRUMMOND assured his clients of the fulfilment of their worthy desires. If that is true, we are exceedingly sorry for Mr. DRUMMOND and for his practical knowledge of the Law of Libel. If the members of the Club Liberal had good grounds for complaint against the *Shanghai Mercury*, their remedy lay in an action at law for damages; to criminally prosecute a man for an attack on a semi-public institution, an attack which was general and not personal, was ridiculous, as well as being cowardly and contemptible. We can hardly believe that an experienced lawyer like Mr. DRUMMOND could possibly have recommended such a course. However, a prosecutor was found in a gentleman named Costa, one of the officials of the so-called Club, and in due course Mr. O'SHEA had to appear in the Summary Court charged with a criminal offence. After a long and patient hearing the Judge found that the Club Liberal was started solely for gambling, that everything connected with the place was stained with discredit, that it was a disgrace to the Portuguese community, that it was a disgraceful and dangerous den offering temptation to young men, that the profits of the Club came from the gaming tables, and that Mr. O'SHEA was perfectly justified in directing public attention to a dangerous and objectionable institution. And then his Worship found defendant "technically guilty" and fined him \$10 and refused to make any order for costs. The grounds on which Mr. JAMESON convicted were that Mr. O'SHEA had not justified the use of the expressions "professional gamblers" and "gambling hell." As it is in evidence that indiscriminate gambling was habitually indulged in night after night, that the bankers at *Kobachao* have a decided advantage over the players, and that a percentage of the money staked at the tables went to the Club, it seems clear enough that the Club Liberal was as much a professional gambling house and a gambling hell as the licensed *Faro* houses in Macao. Besides, the Shanghai Assistant Judge ought to know the decision in *Lamberg Pasha v. Labouchere*, where it was laid down that the substantial charges being proved, mere inaccuracy in language would not affect the verdict; and in this case, according to Mr. JAMESON's own admissions, the charge made against the Club Liberal and its members were justified beyond all doubt.

Owing to the sudden illness of his legal adviser, Mr. A. P. Stoxas, the defendant had to contend against unforeseen difficulties, and it seems to us, as Mr. O'SHEA swore in the witness box, he had nothing to do with editing or publishing the *Shanghai Mercury*, that he was not in any way legally responsible. By § 1 and § 2 of Victoria, chap. 64, it is laid down that in criminal prosecutions only the proprietor, editor, or any person responsible for the publication of a newspaper can be proceeded against; and as Mr. O'SHEA denies that he was associated with the *Mercury* in any one of these positions, and as the onus of proof lay on the prosecution, we contend that the trial was a complete farce and his conviction a travesty both on law and common sense.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

THE Hongkong Government Having ascertained through its Secretary, that house rents have "not fallen" to the figures at which they stood before the rise which

induced the Secretary of State to sanction the increase of official salaries by 30 per cent, we intended to produce figures showing that the Government view was entirely wrong. We now find, however, that the only complete and reliable figures of rents in 1890 (before the Salaries Commission sat) and 1892 are in the hands of the Government. Such figures as we have been able to obtain show that, except in special cases easily explained, rents are, no higher now, and in many cases actually lower, than they were before the boom. These incomplete figures are hardly worth reproducing if the Government can be persuaded to give publicity to them, but failing that, we promise our readers that such statistics as we can give shall be published in due course, to show that there is now nothing of the 1890 boom remaining to justify the perpetuation of the inflated official salaries.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Tava* left Singapore for this port at daylight to-day.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of India*, from Hongkong, arrived at Kobe at 4.30 p.m. on the 6th inst., and left again at 11.30 a.m. on the 7th for Vancouver; via Yokohama.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1156, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday, the 16th instant, at 4.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carrill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Zambezi*, from Tacoma, Wash., has arrived at Yokohama, and left that port to-day for Hongkong direct.

"Yes," said the young student, "thoughtfully, "when I get interested in a subject I never stop until I have embraced it thoroughly."

"That's nice," was Julia's hesitating reply.

"Do—do you think I'm an interesting subject?"

BY THE OFFICE OF THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH like a beautiful woman?—Because when once looked at it remains for ever in the memory of man—and they all try to procure a facsimile of the one they saw. Amen!

Messrs. Carmichael & Co., Ltd., have this year an unusually pretty selection of almanacs, in various designs, more tasteful and neat than any we have seen, with charming photographic views, Shakespearean pictures with appropriate quotations, and other attractive features.

MARIS Due I.—
Singapore (Bosalder) 8th instant.
Bombay (Basaar) 8th
American (Gatlie) 10th
Indian (Wingate) 13th
Singapore (Java) 13th

AT 8 o'clock this morning there was an outbreak of fire in a house occupied by a hawk in Fook Hing Lane, at Yau Ma Tei. The dwelling was totally consumed before the Fire Brigade got the upper hand of the devouring element. The total amount of the damage done is about \$300 worth.

LAST night a young Chinese woman, who had just got out of her tears, committed suicide by swallowing opium. She was the daughter of a sampan woman, and it is supposed that the sister of her mother to palm her off, & *la Chinoise*, on a man whom she knew not, was the main cause of the 'path act.'

"PINEAPPLE JUICE" says a physician, "has medicinal properties of the highest order. In throat diseases, and even in diphtheria, it has seldom failed to give relief, and as an anti-dyspeptic it is invaluable. The unpleasant taste victims of indigestion experience on rising in the morning can be got rid of by the persistent use of this remedy, and as it goes at once to the root of the trouble and removes the cause, the cure is a permanent one. Any dyspeptic who has not tried the pineapple should lose no time in taking the advice of one who has."

WIT AND WISDOM.—
Bachelors are the unbattered bread of the world.

An optimist is a man who believes that all eggs will hatch.

In giving the devil his due, you are liable to give yourself away.

A pessimist is a man who believes that all chestnuts have worms in them.

Do not follow your prejudices until they make you hungry.

THE COMMUNES OF MANNERS, MORALS, MODE & DEFENSES "GOOD FORM" AND ALL ITS CODES.

He—Do you think it possible for a man to love two women? She—Not if either of them should find it out.

THE VENUS DE MEDICI is five feet five inches in height, 26 inches about the waist, 34 about the bust, and 44 about the hips. The women employed as "cloak models" in ladies' outfitting establishments required of a "model" 4 feet 5 inches in height. In one establishment are the following: Waist, 22 to 24 inches; bust, 34 to 35; hip, 45 to 47; base of skull to waist, 16; 6; bust, 11; 8 to 12. A prominent physician recently gave the following as the current measurement of a well-formed, well-developed and healthy woman 5 feet 5 inches in height: Waist, 24 inches; bust, 33 to 34; 6; bust, 12 to 15; wrist, 5 to 5 1/2; hips, 44 to 45; calf, 23 to 25; and ankle, 7 to 7 1/2. The doctor's "model woman" has smaller hips and a smaller bust, and about the same waist as a "cloak model."

OUR LOVE IS DONE!
I would not have it back I say,
I would not have my whole year May!
But yet for our dead passion sake,
Kiss me once more and strive to make
Our last kiss the supremest one,
For love is done.

OUR LOVE IS DONE!
And still my eyes with tears are wet,
Our souls are stirred with vague regret;
We gaze farewell, yet cannot speak,
And first resolve grows strangely weak,
Though hearts were twain that case were one,

Since love is done.
But love is done!

I know it, vow it, and that kiss
Must set a finish to our bliss,
Yet when I felt thy mouth meet mine
My life again seemed half divine.

Our very hearts together run!
Can love be done?

Can love be done?
Whom cares if this be mad or wise?

Trust not my words, but read my eyes,
Thy kiss made sleeping love awake.

Then take me to thy heart; as I
The life that with thine own is one.

Love is not done.

Messrs. Siemsen and Co. have sent us a very useful and handy block calendar, issued by the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Company, Limited, of Hamburg, for which they are agents.

ENGLAND is not the only country in which there has been a run upon alcohol during the last few years. The consumption of beer in Germany amounted to 1,144,000,000 gallons in the year 1891-2 against 990,000,000 gallons in 1886, an increase of 17 per cent, while the population has increased by only 4 per cent.

HARROW'S Monster Show was packed with an enthusiastic audience again last night. The performers of the Feeding troupe were immense. To-night the *Toussaints* will be imperser- if possible. Portals open at 8.30, tiger and lions roar at 8.45, and the elephants walk around at 9 sharp. On Saturday next, for the special benefit of ladies and children, and Peak residents, who cannot attend the evening performances, there will be a grand *matinee*, commencing at 2.30 p.m., children half-price to all parts of the house.

At Fresnillo in Mexico the other week a novel exhibition was given in the shape of a fight between a bull and two Mexican lions recently captured in the mountains near Zacatecas. The event took place in the bullring of the city, and attracted fully 2,000 spectators. The bull in the beginning had the best of the fight. He charged madly at one of the lions and badly wounded him with his horns. The second lion got a grip on the bull's throat with his teeth and hung on until the bull fell to the ground exhausted. When a bandit entered the arena to further excite the bull into fighting, the ferocious lion sprang upon him, and before assistance came the unfortunate man was fatally injured and died shortly after being taken from the ring. The suffering bull and the frenzied lions were slaughtered, and the crowd departed delighted with the sport.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

Inward.
Cicero steamer, from Saigon.
Devonshire steamer, from Canton.
Eymoon " " Canton.
Hotow " " Canton.
Formosa " " Swatow.
Avocet " " Hongkong.
Nanyang " " Singapore.
Aggregating 6,037 tons, register.

Outward.

Frisian steamer, for Swatow.
China " " Saigon.
Shanghai " " Singapore.
Breskens " " Singapore.
Sutlej " " Singapore.
Mongkul " " Bangkok.
Hotow " " Shanghai.
Catherina Astor " " Singapore.
Wooning " " Singapore.
Aggregating 12,242 tons, register.

MACAU.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Macao, 7th December.

On the 30th ult. there was a dance at the Club Uniao, H.E. the Governor and Sra. de Boa attending; the company numbered some 50 ladies and four score gentlemen and everything passed off in the most enjoyable manner.

On the 1st instant the A. & C. Co.'s liner *Guthrie* put into the roads, early in the morning; cargo-boats were already in waiting over-night, and were towed up to the Government steam-plant alongside. At ten o'clock precisely, another Government launch conveyed His Lordship Dr. da Melodias and party from the *Guthrie* wharf to the *Guthrie*. A number of Government officials, who had to go to Timor, tarried about the wharf and availed themselves of His Excellency's kindness to go on board in the launch and so save sampan fares. Captain and Mrs. da Silva, not being invited to join and not caring to take leave unasked, had to wait about until 4 p.m. when the launch returned and took them. By that time there was a stiff north-east wind and a pretty high sea. It is said that even when the Bishop got on board things were pretty lively, and he had a narrow escape of sounding the bottom of our silted-up harbour for his boat. It is not for the agility of a Jack Tar on the *Guthrie* he might have taken an unexpected baptismal service all to himself in unconsolidated water, too. As it was, his bold trowsers were wet up to the knees. I believe all this inconvenience and delay resulted from His Lordship and some other Government officials, who had gone to Hongkong to embark on the steamer, changing their minds at the last moment and coming back here to embark. The *Guthrie* did not get away until 5 p.m. that day.

The Celestial world is grievously disappointed about the coming festi-val, for the subscriptions are not sufficient to carry out the original programme—to cover up most of the Chinese part of the city with decorations, and to hold great theatrical displays, or sing-songs, in eight or ten of the principal thoroughfares, with big processions for three days. The thieves and pickpockets guild ought to subscribe handsomely, since they get the best of the business at festivals of this sort. However, the celebration will be reduced to a huge marshaled in front of the pagoda in the Bazaar, where there will be a gorgeous display of flowers, lamps, and magnificient inscriptions and banners. It is said that a hundred *panas* have been brought from Canton and other places to come down and offer prayers and sacrifices, for three days, commencing on the night of the 14th December, and ending in the small hour on the morning of the 18th. The original programme was arranged on the basis of a \$20,000 or \$30,000 subscription, instead of which only about \$6,000 is coming in.

The auction of the *Woolring* monopoly is announced for the 17th instant. The farm will be for eight years, from 1st November, 1892, to 30th November, 1899, and \$20,000 is asked at security from bidders, the farm to go to the highest bidder, subject to a master of form probably to the approval of the Lisbon Government. Mr. Barbosa, Inspector General of Revenue, is responsible for these strange conditions, as he does not meet with the failure he usually achieves.

It is now almost beyond a doubt that the old *Macau* will be revived, under new colour, but with the same old wretched, old brains and the same feeble hands. It is to be sincerely trusted that the new organisation will have longer life and more solid policy and better sympathy among its staff than formerly existed. The paper will be "Lus.-Chinese," and its new title will be *O Eco Macanese*.

To-morrow, the 8th, we shall be holding the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The National Festival of the Kingdom. Here it will be observed as a gala day, with high mass in the morning at the Cathedral and a procession in the afternoon.

The Chief Justice has fixed for Saturday next the case of the murder of poor Cannas, boughs of the *Die*, on the night of 2nd May last. Immediately after the terrible tornado, on which I wrote you about at the time. His Lordship will hear the action arising out of the horse-whipping of Mr. Joao da Silva, editor of the *Independente*, by the two sons of the noble Viscount, Senhor Fernandes. Both cases are expected to be exceedingly interesting.

On Sunday next, 11th inst., the lottery of the House of Holy Mercy will be drawn. We are told that the top and major lottery of

Hongkong and Tonkin's future, and in the confidence that as early as could reasonably be expected, Hongkong will be in a position to supply coal enough for practically the whole of the Far East and to pay dividends enough to satisfy even the most sanguine speculators. They have waited, but they will not wait many months longer.

There are now at the Company's works about 3,000 native miners, besides other workmen of all kinds; and work has been pushed forward night and day. For two or three days the so-called pirates—sneak-thieves on a large scale—scared the natives about Kebo and Campas, distant portions of the Company's concession, and nobody cared to be abroad in the dark; but there is now a military guard of 300 soldiers on the station, with orders to deal summarily with any lawbreaker caught, and that is sufficient to scare the life out of the not too brave "pirates." Work is going on steadily all over the Company's concession; at Hatou, the main centre of operations, there was never for a moment any cessation or scare of any sort. Here the whole front of the hillside has been cut away, exposing three fine sea-chambers, which are also cut into by shafts sunk from the top of the hill to the heart of the coal-bed, piercing all three; while swarms of busy workers are cutting away the face of the hill on the other sides and at the back, so that soon the whole huge mass of coal will be exposed to attack at every point, and 1,000 tons a day will easily be got. The railway line is now from the very centre of the sea-chambers on the front of the hillside, up to the screening ground, and from that point will be carried on to the wharf. Already the line has been built on the wharf, and trucks can be taken alongside steamers; and the bigger level is not yet connected. The wharf can accommodate ships of 20 feet draught at low water spring tides, and up to nearly thirty feet at high water. It is most substantially built, and should not cost any appreciable amount in repairs for many years to come.

The inhabitants of the mining settlement, which is quite a large one as such things go in this part of the world, have a very pleasant time, taking it all round. The climate is dry and not so hot in summer nor so cold in winter. The country around

Ceylon to Amur or Batavia... 2,000... 12
Batavia to Port Essington... 1,600... 7
Port Essington to Sydney... 2,340... 12

12,758... 658

(This was indicated as a good open-sea route for bringing India into more immediate contact with Australia).

No. 5.—*Vid Singapore and Torres Straits*—

Miles. Days.

England to Singapore 8,300... 42

Singapore to Port Essington... 2,000... 10

Port Essington to Sydney, via Weddington Island... 2,340... 12

12,790... 648

This last route was thus shown to be the shortest in p. t. of time, and it was advocated as bringing Sydney within 65 days of London, and within less than 30 days of India, while the coast-stations were convenient, the navigation safe, and the traffic along the route already great. It was this route, therefore, that the India and Australia Mail Packet Company proposed to adopt, impeded with the importance of steam communication not only between England and India, but also between India and Australia. We see in the project, indeed, the greater of two services at present conducted by the B.I., as well as that of the famous P. & O.

But then, as now, the Egyptian Question was a factor in political as well as in commercial relations. "Great changes" said the promoters, "are on the eve of taking place in Egypt, which will considerably improve the means of trans- porting merchandise through that country, and consequently diminish the cost of transit; and it is a well-ascertained fact that a very trifling diminution of expense in that quarter will cause a great importation of Indian and Chinese produce into the ports of the Mediterranean. It behoves England, therefore, to lose no time in preparing to meet such a change: if it be her desire to maintain her present supremacy in the India and China trade she must be the first to take advantage of the most valuable routes."

The Messengers Company were now extending eastward, as were also the Austrian Lloyd's, facts which were viewed with some concern by British shipowners. The project of the India and Australia Company seized upon it as a natural jealousy as another point in their case. They said that France and Austria already occupied "half the route to India with their steamers" (which might easily be misunderstood by the innocent to mean half the trade with India, which of course, was not the case). The Messengers had then about 40, and the Austrian Company about 30 vessels engaged in trading along the Mediterranean shores, in the Levant and along the coast of Syria, making Alexandria a sort of centre. Between them they ran more than twice as many mail-packets per month in Alexandria as we did, and those packets were largely used for English correspondence and passengers. This was a grievance of which the India and Australia Company made the most, while also the commercial advantages of the Mediterranean and Levant ports were held with an extra inducement, and as a necessary adjunct to the proper conduct of the India and China trade.

Further, it was declared that unless British steamers at once occupied the Red Sea, the French and Austria steam-packets would soon be on the other side of the Isthmus, crowded with English passengers to Calcutta and Canton. Our Indian Empire with its hundred millions of British subjects, its revenue of twenty millions of sterling, and its maritime trade of thirty millions of sterling, was, according to the ingenious destroyers of the original prospectus of this interesting enterprise, trembling in the balance before the coming rush of France and Austria. Nothing could save it from the foreign invasion except the India and Australia Mail Packet Company. Somehow the fact of the existence of the East India Company and the P. & O. Company as mail-carriers doing the very work which the country was warned the French and Austria were about to monopolize, was overlooked.

Then another point was made in connection with a possible foreign war. "Should Great Britain be engaged in war with any European Power," it was urged, "every attempt would double: she made to intercept communication with India, etc., through the Mediterranean, and should any such interruption take place, it might seriously affect the security of our Eastern possessions. On the other hand, the introduction of additional steam communication would prove of inestimable importance to Great Britain, by affording the means of transporting her warlike forces and stores from Europe to Asia, or from Asia to Europe, with the greatest possible celerity, and a rapid means of intercourse between India and Europe, by either the Red Sea and Egypt, or by the Persian Gulf and Syria, would multiply the resources of Great Britain and secure the defences of her distant territories."

This sounds well, but it occurs to us to doubt how the multiplication of lines, via the Mediterranean and Egypt, would ensure celerity of communication with, and secure the defences of our distant territories if the nation with which we were at war were using every attempt to intercept us at the Mediterranean end. If the proposal had been for an alternative service round the Cape this argument would have had weight, but in the circumstances it seems only to have been inserted in a general design to fire patriotism into subscriptions.

Then as a further bolt of the "fated kind," it was added that a line drawn from London to Australia would pass through many of the richest and most populous countries of the world—which was true, only the steamers did not require to pass through these countries, and in fact were compelled to avoid some of them.

To the statement that "British interests imperatively require an additional service of Colonial steamers between England, Gibraltar, Malta, and the East of Europe, as also in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, at least twice a month, which shall carry passengers and merchandise at the lowest possible rates consistent with comfort, security and despatch," no one (outside the P. & O. circle) was disposed to say "No." To the further affirmation that "the increasing extent of the mails, and the augmenting number of passengers have for some time past required a weekly communication with India, etc., there was a general assent. While as to the contention that "it is highly important that this extensive line of intercourse should not be dependent upon a single company, but that a collateral line should be established by which Her Majesty's Government and the public may derive the benefit of fair competition by means of a weekly mail to and from India," the Government were disposed to assent.

They did assent. The India and Australia Mail Packet Company obtained a charter. It then tendered for and obtained a contract for the conveyance of the mails between England and India and Australia. It was one thing, however, to obtain a charter and a contract, and another, to obtain capital and build steamers. The vessels were not ready at contract date, and at the end of a prolonged period of grace, and the contract lapsed. Then the India and Australia Company offered to sell their charter for £10,000 to the P. & O., and eventually retired into the cool shades of bankruptcy.

AN ANCIENT DESCRIPTION OF CHRIST.

Mrs. Slingincke.—But you never told me they had accepted anything. A prose article, is it? What's the subject?

Mr. Slingincke.—Yes, dear, very likely. I tell you all about it, if you will only have patience.

Mrs. Slingincke [with dignity]—I don't think I asked you to tell me all about it. I merely wished to know the name of the—

Mr. Slingincke [with a groan]—"Universal Currency."

Mrs. Slingincke—"Universal Currency?" I never heard of such a thing. I suppose it means—

Mr. Slingincke.—Yes—yes, exactly—er—just as Ah, by the way, there's a book of reference upstairs that I need.

Mrs. Slingincke [sweetly]—Let me get it for you, dear.

Mr. Slingincke [rising]—Thanks, dearest, very much, but I prefer—in fact—I must get it myself. [Gathers up his papers and leaves the room.]

Mrs. Slingincke [thoughtfully]—And actually he has taken his writing with him! I suppose he was afraid some one might come in and interrupt him! But, dear me, that place upstairs is so cold! I must go and ask him if I shall turn the heat on, and if he wants another lamp. And I suppose I'd better take my work and sit by him. It will make him feel I am interested and sympathetic, and that is just the sort of help he needs, dearest! I [will, smiling angelically.]

—Madeline S. Bridges in *Truth*

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Turkey is negotiating a loan of \$30,000,000.

Alard's *Stradivarius* has been sold for \$10,000. Austria has recently purchased \$2,000,000 in gold.

Italy has taken decisive steps to exterminate brigandage.

The oldest British soldier Sir Patrick Grant, aged eighty-eight.

Switzerland is erecting what is reported to be its first sugar factory.

In Vienna cigarette-smoking is regarded as a safeguard against cholera.

Mr. Gladstone's earnings from his pen are said to average \$15,000 a year.

Queen Victoria's new dining-room at Osborne cost \$100,000. She paid for it herself.

In France 6,000 patents were granted for electrical improvements during the past year.

The London *Lancer* thinks next year's cholera dangers will exceed those of the present year.

Queen Victoria has a cable of Rose de Berlin chinc, which is said to be worth \$100,000.

A columbarium for the reception of cinerary ashes has been erected at Kensal Green, London.

Negotiations between Russia and Italy for a reciprocity treaty have made important progress.

It is believed that Queen Natale of Serbia will remain abroad until her son, King Alexander, is of age.

The Scotchman makes the most of raw materials. Glasgow makes artificial precious stones.

Cardinal Lavigerie has returned to his Archiepiscopal seat in Algiers much improved in health.

The French order of the Legion of Honor now has 45,000 members, of whom 12,458 are persons in civil life.

The cemeteries in London cover 2,000 acres, and the land they occupy represents a capital of \$1,000,000.

An English railroad company has just contracted for 10,000 incandescent electric lamps to be placed in their cars.

A Blue Book says that although the German expert in beer has declined, its production has not diminished.

Within the last thirty years there have been on the British coast 65,377 wrecks, with the loss of 22,312 lives.

Court Jeweler Adolf Rehmann of Munich has failed. Among his stock were found many sham diamonds.

The Empress of Austria is walking herefoot by advice of a quack doctor, who claims that it cures nervousness.

The Austrian Committee on Penal Law has decided by a vote of 10 to 7 to retain the law of capital punishment.

The Congo Free State has suffered heavy losses through the investment of funds in South American securities.

The telegraph has been used with success as an adjunct to the herring fishery off the coast of Scotland.

London's six principal railway lines carry annually over 200,000,000 people and the trains about 10,000,000.

Incandescent lamps are ridiculously cheap in Sweden, the price of those with voltages up to 125 being about 20 cents.

The Vienna *Tagblatt* says positively that the German Government has decided to have a World's Fair in Berlin in 1897.

The number of German medical men who advocate prophylactic inoculation against cholera is constantly on the increase.

The new Merwede Canal to Amsterdam is expected to give a great impetus to trade between that city and Germany.

A Birmingham steel-worker committed suicide in a simple way, having put his head under a trip-hammer and had it smashed.

Plans for the new Prussian House of Parliament have been completed. The estimate is \$500,000, and the time ten years.

Americans in London now own Westminster Abbey to listen to Archdeacon Farrar's "meditations" on the Lord's Prayer.

Marquis Venosta, the Italian Commissioner for the settlement of the Brenner Sea question, is one of the foremost statesmen of Italy.

The results of the census of India have received their final revision. The return shows a population of 375,233,431 individually enumerated.

London has a firm of opticians whose specialty is the sale of spectacles for horses. The object of the spectacles is to promote high stepping.

The German Bundesrat has approved a bill prepared for the Reichstag establishing uniform emigration regulations throughout the Empire.

It is learned from a bulletin issued at Kowloon that the French have been making tea from an orchid, *Angraecum fragrans*, for fifty years. It grows in the forest of Bourbon and in Mauritius, and is said to be the *Tea*, which is likewise an orchid. Of the 10,000 species of orchids known, about twenty only have been turned to any use.

It has been announced that the fashion of kissing at meetings is going out for women. The substitute is a tap on the shoulder and the remark: "Consider your kisses kissed." An English journal, *Woman*, mourns—

"We shall not kiss; on one another's backs."

To fall hereafter will be held amiss.

The sweet Miss V., the charming Lady X.,

We shall not kiss.

A recent report that the White Star Line had contracted for a 100-foot steamer, a ship eighty feet longer than the new *Caravanserai*, arose from the request of the Liverpool authorities to Sir Edward Harland for his opinion as to what size of ship they should provide for in the new dock.

The answer was that accommodation for a steamer 700 feet long would be sufficient for the future.

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Police statistics show that in a year one person in thirty-one is apprehended in England, in

Scotland one in twenty-nine, and in Ireland one in thirteen.

The first international club for women has been founded. The incorporators are a group of American, French and German women in Nice.

A postal card was recently sold in Paris for \$1. It had gone around the world, after the person to whom it was addressed and bore seventy-two postmarks.

A bee-keeper in the Gironde, France, has found out that bees thrive ever so much better, and the honey improves in quality, under the influence of violet light.

Tobacco consumption is increasing in Great Britain. For the last year it averaged one and six-tenths pound per head of the population. In France it averages nearly two pounds.

There is still burning in India a sacred fire which was lighted by the Parades twelve centuries ago. The fire is fed with sandal and other fragrant woods and is replenished five times a day.

The little Queen of Holland is fast getting rid of the delicacy of constitution which once caused so much anxiety. Her twelfth birthday recently was the signal for festivities in all parts of her dominion.

The London *Financial Times* says that thirty-six silver mines have been shut down in Idaho alone because the decline in the price of the white metal has made it impossible to work them at a profit.

The only native lady in Cairo who dares to go about unveiled is the Princess of Egypt. She even goes so far as to give dinner parties and other entertainments, to which male foreigners are invited.

The sale of the great Saverne estate, which was in the possession of Lord Albury's ancestors for more than seven hundred years, gives great satisfaction to the gentry and county families of Wiltshire.

One of the distinctive features of a recent wedding in Rome was the appearance of the women students of the Roman University, wearing the colored caps of their college, like their brother students.

The disposition to recall all interesting anniversaries is bringing out the information now that fifty years ago on September 13th, Mr. Gladstone lost the first finger of his right hand by an accident in Hawarden Park.

An obelisk of red granite, seventy-one feet in height, with a pedestal of black porphyry, is shortly to be brought to Austria from Alexandria where it had been lying in the garden of the Austrian Consulate since 1847.

A chimney-piece, carved from wood over 600 years old, has recently been erected in a house in Edinburgh. The wood, an oak tree, was found in a sand-pit at Musselburgh, thirteen feet below the surface.

Princess Alix, youngest sister of the reigning Grand Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt and the favorite granddaughter of Queen Victoria, is reported in the court circles of Berlin, and is said to have become insane.

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